



## ESSAY INFORMATION FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

In the MSSW Program, you will be expected to communicate clearly through your writing. We will assess your graduate readiness based on your responses to the three prompts. Please make sure that your responses are well-organized and free of grammatical errors. Each statement should be between 300 and 500 words long; please include the word count at the end of each statement.

To learn about the Code of Ethics and Core Values of the social work profession, please visit the [National Association of Social Workers \(NASW\)](https://www.nasw.org/) website.

### **Please submit an essay that responds to the following prompts:**

- Social work is a distinct profession defined by a commitment to society at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Use the [NASW Preamble](#) to explain your understanding of the social work profession.
- Discuss how your employment and volunteer experiences align with the [NASW Code of Ethics](#).
- One of the [Steve Hicks School Core Values](#) is “We believe we should work to promote social justice and social change, and should strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and social injustice.” Please comment on what these statements mean to you and relate to your desire to be a social worker.

**Note:** We use your upper-division GPA as a metric to evaluate your eligibility for admission. Applicants whose upper-division GPA is lower than 3.0 are required to submit a Conditional Admission Statement along with their application. Failure to submit the statement will result in an incomplete application. Once your application is received, we will send you an acknowledgement letter indicating if a Conditional Admission Statement is required, and provide further details about what to include in that document at that time.